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Poll. Millennial generation



► Despite the discontent, the survey showed 43 percent of Millennials would vote for Obama. Like many Philadelphians, Matt Fletcher, 27, wasn't aware of yesterday's primary.

A poll released yesterday by Harvard University's Institute of Politics showed that nearly half of the more than 3,000 members of the Millennial generation surveyed said they think the U.S. is headed in the wrong direction. Fifty-eight percent of Millennials, or 18- to 29-year-olds, polled said jobs and the economy are the issues that are the most concerning to them. {page 11}

Trial and error for ID requirement at the polls

► Controversial rules tested at yesterday's primaries in Pennsylvania ► Among few who actually came out, many didn't know about new legislation {page 02}

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Confusion, resistance to voter ID law in primary

- ▶ If yesterday was a dry run for the November elections, there's work to be done
- ▶ Many lacked information about recently passed law, while others declined to comply

Yesterday's primary elections served as a "soft roll-out" of Pennsylvania's recently passed voter identification law. Though it was not required to cast a ballot, polling place officials were instructed to request photo ID and give those without it a Pennsylvania Department of State handout explaining the documentation would be mandatory in this fall's general election.

"This is just a dry run," Stephanie Singer of the City Commissioner's office said Monday. "We're trying to educate everybody about the law that will be in place in November."

When it came to actually implementing the mandate at the polls, success was mixed. "It's about half and half," Ellen Kaplan of political watchdog Committee of Seventy said yesterday about three hours before voting ended. "I think that there's a fair amount of confusion on the part of polling place officials about what they're supposed to be doing."

At Southwest Center City senior living facility the Scottish Rite House, poll workers — who did not necessarily agree with the law — kept a careful tally and recorded the contact information of ID-lacking constituents in order to provide fol-

"No doubt, our seniors, college students and minority communities are going to be disenfranchised. I fought overseas in the Army and was proud to give Iraqis the right to vote, yet we're making it harder to vote here in our own community."

PATRICK MURPHY, CANDIDATE FOR PA. ATTORNEY GENERAL

low-up assistance. "I've talked with many neighbors about how this is an effort to suppress the vote," said Democratic committeewoman Gail Harrington. "This is senior housing — it's going to be a big effort to get some of the residents government identification. Many were born in the South a long time ago and don't have the proper documents."



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▶ Gail Harrington, Democratic committeewoman, was educating voters about ID requirements.

Carded? No thanks

Committeepople working at least one Center City location did the opposite of trying to educate voters for November, instead instructing them to refuse to present ID. "I think that, in this particular case, they

think the law is going to be overturned," Kaplan said. "Whether or not you like the law or think the law is going to be overturned, the prudent thing to do is make sure you have the right kind of ID so you can vote in November and if you don't have the right ID, you make sure to get one." ● METRO/AW

What you'll need

In order to vote yesterday, all you needed to do was show up, unless it was your first time at the polling place, in which case proof of identity was required. To vote in November, the list of acceptable identification — which is mandatory for all voters — becomes "very short and complicated," Singer noted Monday. It is also a work in progress. "The State Department has been issuing more and more information about what's going to be required with the voter ID law," Kaplan said. "They're really trying to put some meat on the bones."

● METRO/AW

Results



President

▶ Romney (R)
57 percent

Attorney General

▶ Kane (D)
54 percent

U.S. Senate

▶ Casey (D)
80 percent

▶ Smith (R)
42 percent

State House

▶ 180th District
Ramos (D)
48 percent

▶ 182nd District
Sims (D)
51 percent

▶ 186th District
Harris (D)
76 percent

▶ 197th District
Miranda (D)
39 percent

As of press time

Murphy comes up short in attorney general race

PHILADELPHIA. Northeastern Pennsylvania attorney Kathleen Kane rode endorsements from the Inquirer and President Bill Clinton to what seemed to be a decisive victory over former Congressman and Philly native Patrick Murphy for the Democratic nod in the state's attorney general race. Kane, a former assistant district attorney in Lackawanna County, will square off against Republican David Freed in the November general election.

Murphy lost despite en-

dorsements from former Gov. Ed Rendell and the Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police. It marks his second straight election defeat after losing his re-election bid in 2010 to Mike Fitzpatrick.

What Kane lacked in name recognition she made up for with endorsements. President Bill Clinton stumped for her last month, citing her experience as a prosecutor, and two weeks ago she received the Inquirer's endorsement, dealing Murphy a serious blow in his part of the state. ● METRO/SDL



▶ Murphy

Voter turnout unusually poor

PHILADELPHIA. As expected, voter turnout was light yesterday across most of the city for a primary with very few contested races.

A number of polling places reported below-normal numbers by the afternoon.

"From what I can tell based on the number of elections I've worked over the years, today is very slow," said Gail Harrington, Democratic committeewoman in the 30th

Ward, 1st Division in Southwest Center City. "We usually get a lot of voters before work, but today, there were only about 25 voters before 9 [a.m.]. Primary turnout is usually low, but I think it's even less than normal."

City Commissioner Stephanie Singer described turnout as "disappointing" as she left Famous Fourth Street Deli in South Philadelphia around lunchtime.

As a result of the low turnout, Committee of Seventy President and CEO Zack Stalberg said they received very few complaints at their election hot line. Most of the calls, he said, were regarding voter ID.

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DeWeese sentenced in Bonusgate

HARRISBURG. Former House Democratic leader Bill DeWeese was sentenced to 30 to 60 months in prison yesterday for theft and political corruption charges as part of the Bonusgate inves-

tigation.

DeWeese, 62, was convicted of directing legislative staff to work on political campaigns.

The 35-year lawmaker resigned his seat just before sentencing, and has vowed to appeal. DeWeese was also ordered to pay \$25,000 in fines and \$116,000 in restitution.

● METRO/SDL



► DeWeese

Proposed school district reorganization closes 40 schools

► Facing a \$218 million deficit, the plan would close another 24 by 2017 ► Teachers in strong opposition

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► Empty halls all around: In addition to school closures, the plan calls for a smaller central office.

Beset by a massive deficit and persistent school violence, the School District of Philadelphia unveiled an ambitious reorganization plan yesterday that would close dozens of schools and decentralize operations.

The district is facing a \$218 million shortfall for the year that starts July 1 and a projected deficit in the five-year plan of \$1.1 billion. In order to balance the budget by 2014, district officials said they need to close 40 underutilized schools, restructure contracts with its labor unions and freeze non-personnel spending until 2016.

"The core financial problem we've faced over the last 10 years as the enrollment in the school district schools has declined 25 percent [is that] we did not reduce the overhead or operations — they did not come down proportionately," Chief Recovery Officer Tom Knudsen said in a presentation to school principals.

The new structure would

Emphasis on results

The new structure would emphasize results by requiring performance contracts for school principals. Knudsen said the district would also explore privatizing custodial and maintenance services and transportation to achieve cost-savings.

The School Reform Commission must approve the reorganization plan. ● METRO/SDL

feature a smaller central office to support independent organizations that would manage clusters of schools. It would also continue to convert underperforming schools to charters or district-led promise academies. And, in addition to the initial closures, the district would close another 24 schools by 2017.

The teachers union strongly opposes the plan, calling it a "cynical, right-wing and market-driven plan to privatize public education."

"When you look at the plan it's a business model — it's not an education plan," said Philadelphia Federation of Teachers president Jerry Jordan.



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Juvenile justice changes needed, says defender

PHILADELPHIA. Elton Anglada, assistant chief of the juvenile unit of the Defender Association of Philadelphia, made a stirring call for changes in the juvenile justice system at a seminar held yesterday at the Center on Media, Crime, & Justice of John Jay College in New York City. He noted that it is a

common misconception of the public that children enter the system for serious problems. He stressed that they are more likely to enter for minor schoolyard infractions such as fighting or truancy.

"Have you seen Northeast High? It is full of metal detectors. Police officers — I refuse to call them school resource officers — patrol the hallways," said Anglada, whose juvenile unit is staffed by 25 attorneys that handled

37,000 petitions last year.

With school suspensions being the initial reason that many students enter the juvenile justice system, Anglada criticized the school disciplinary process, including the zero tolerance policy. "How did we get to the point where zero tolerance is the society norm? Oppositional defiance is not a medical condition. It is called being a teenager," said Anglada.

LAURA GOLDMAN



► Anglada

Bounty offered on criminals in disguise

► City, religious leaders condemn those hiding behind Muslim dress



► These two men robbed a bank in traditional Muslim women's dress on March 20.

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Members of Philadelphia's Muslim community represented by the Majlis Ash-Shura were joined by District Attorney Seth Williams and Councilman Curtis Jones Jr. yesterday to announce a \$20,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of anyone who commits a violent crime while disguised in Muslim women's clothing.

"There's been a rash of men — actually, I wouldn't call them men — but males who dress up like Muslim women as a disguise to commit horrible, violent crimes like murder, robbery and assault," said Majlis Ash-Shura chairman Imam Isa Abdulmateen of some recent high-profile crimes in which suspects have worn a flowing robe called an abaya and a face-covering veil, or a niqab. "As Muslim men, we are taught to protect our women."

Jones expressed concerns about the possibility of vigilantism, citing Florida's now-infamous Trayvon Martin case. "Like Trayvon's hoodie, this associates Muslim women with those who have ill intent," he said. "This is a growing concern because here's what could happen, that some woman going into a bank and conducting her daily transactions could be assaulted wrongfully."

The Majlis Ash-Shura, a gov-

Women in favor

Community members Alia Walker and Aliya Khabir also spoke at yesterday's meeting in support of the measure.

"We need to show not only our community, but the citizens of Philadelphia that we don't condone this behavior and will prosecute perpetrators," said Walker, a member of Majlis Ash-Shura's Women's Committee. "It definitely causes women to be in danger," Khabir said. "This is our traditional garb — when people commit murders and rob banks in that garb, it leads to more stereotyping and hate toward Muslim women."

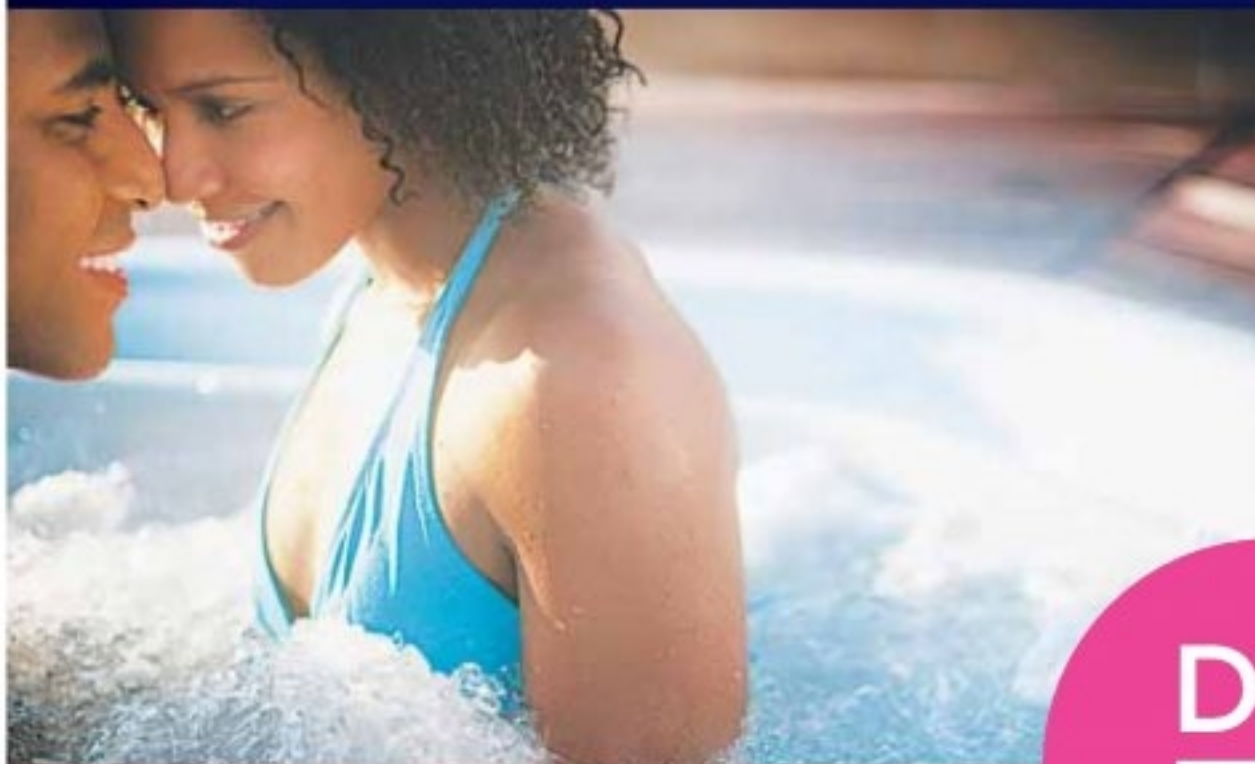
erning body that oversees Muslims' quality of life in the Delaware Valley, raised the money and approached Jones with the reward suggestion after an Upper Darby homicide last week whose alleged perpetrator wore Muslim clothing. "We had been talking about it for a while, but that was the straw that broke the camel's back," Abdulmateen said.



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Facebook profits' surprise decline



► Investors are still likely to sign up in droves for the IPO.

Facebook Inc. reported its first quarter-to-quarter revenue slide in at least two years, a sign that the social network's sizzling growth may be cooling as it prepares to go public in the biggest ever Internet IPO.

The company blamed the first-quarter decline, which surprised some on Wall Street, on seasonal advertising trends.

"It was a faster slowdown than we would have guessed,"

"It was a faster slowdown than we would have guessed."

BRIAN WIESER, ANALYST WITH PIVOTAL RESEARCH GROUP

said Brian Wieser, an analyst with Pivotal Research Group.

"No matter how you slice it, for a company that is perceived

as growing so rapidly, to slow so much on whatever basis — sequentially or annually — it will be somewhat concerning to investors if faced with a lofty valuation," Wieser said.

Facebook is preparing to raise at least \$5 billion in an initial public offering that could value the world's largest social network at up to \$100 billion.

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Edwards campaign aide tells trial of spending concern

GREENSBORO, N.C. A former campaign aide testified yesterday that he worried about secretly using money from wealthy donors to support former U.S. Sen. John Edwards' pregnant mistress during the candidate's 2008 presidential bid.

"It just all seemed crazy," Andrew Young said during his second day of testimony. "It felt and smelled wrong."

Young is the federal government's key witness in the criminal campaign finance case against Edwards.

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► California could join 17 other states without capital punishment.

California to consider death penalty repeal

LOS ANGELES. California voters will decide in November whether to repeal the death penalty in a state that is home to nearly a quarter of the nation's death row inmates. This is in response to activists collecting the more than 500,000 signatures needed to put the

measure on the ballot.

The ballot initiative focuses on the high cost of the death penalty in a state that has executed 13 people since capital punishment was reinstated in the nation in 1976. Another 723 inmates sit on death row pending lengthy and expensive appeals.

The move would abolish execution as the maximum sentence in murder convictions and replace it with life imprisonment.

REUTERS

US violence drops in past two decades

The rural New England states of Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire are the most peaceful U.S. states, a distinction that gives them an economic advantage over the most violent, including Louisiana, Tennessee and Nevada.

Violence and its aftermath cost the entire U.S. economy some \$460 billion last year, according to the Institute for Economics and Peace's second annual United States Peace Index, which was released yesterday.

The study found that the United States has become a less violent place over the past two decades, based on an analysis of historic data on homicides and other violent crime, the number of people incarcerated, police employment and the prevalence of small arms.

While the United States continues to be rocked by highly publicized cases of gun vio-

Best and worst

Most violent areas

► Detroit, Livonia and Dearborn in Michigan
► New Orleans, Metairie and Kenner in Louisiana
► Miami, Miami Beach and Kendall in Florida

Most peaceful areas

► Cambridge, Newton and Framingham in Massachusetts
► Edison and New Brunswick in New Jersey
► Seattle, Bellevue and Everett in Washington

lence — from the February shooting of unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin by a neighborhood watch volunteer in Florida to an April shooting spree in Tulsa, Okla., by two

men that left three people dead and four wounded — the overall homicide rate has declined, the study found.

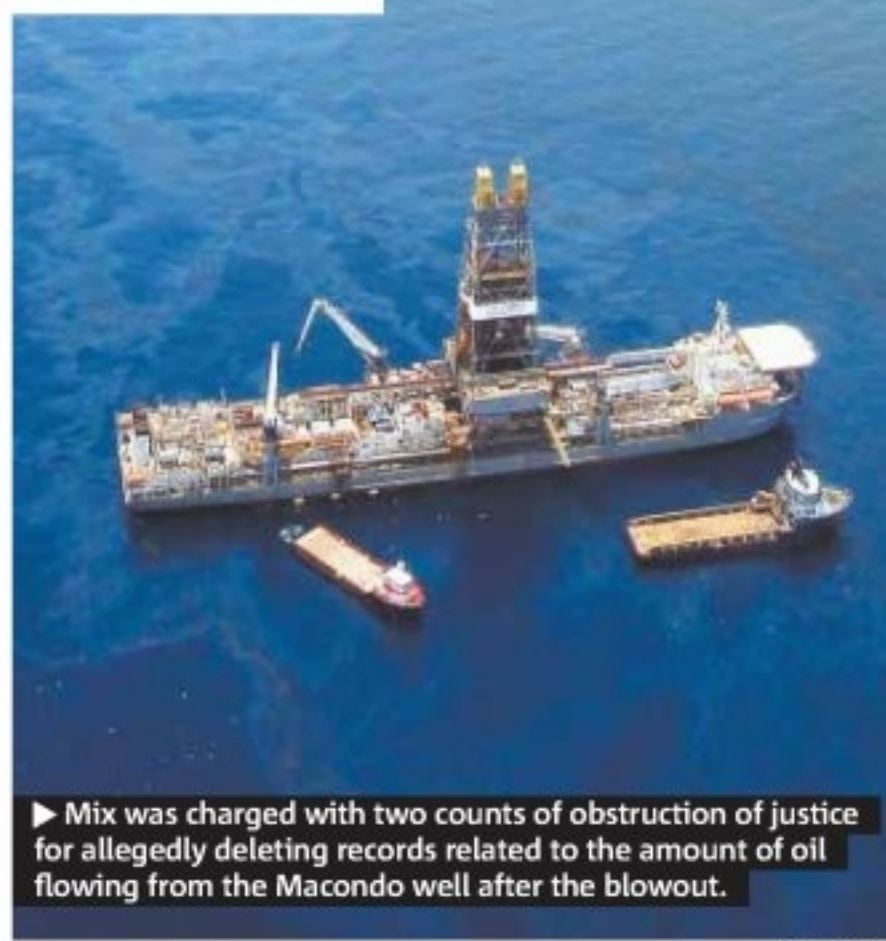
"You have a really established trend of improving peacefulness in the United States," said Steve Killelea, an Australian entrepreneur who serves as executive chairman of the institute, which also produces an annual Global Peace Index, which tracks relative peacefulness of countries.

Over that time two of the most populous states — New York and California — recorded the largest drops in violence, a trend that reflects decades of focus on fighting urban crime, Killelea said.

"Certainly if one sees there is a problem and takes a concerted action to solve the problem, you are much more likely to see results," Killelea said.

REUTERS

Charges. Oil spill



► Mix was charged with two counts of obstruction of justice for allegedly deleting records related to the amount of oil flowing from the Macondo well after the blowout.

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Did ex-BP worker obstruct probe?

A former BP Plc. engineer was arrested and charged yesterday with trying to destroy evidence related to how much oil was spilling into the Gulf of Mexico in April of 2010. Kurt Mix, 50, is accused of trying to delete text messages between him and a supervisor that included "sensitive internal BP information."

Lawyer: Hard work, not 'roids, key for Clemens

WASHINGTON. Roger Clemens' lawyer rejected federal charges of perjury against the former pitching star, saying yesterday Clemens is opposed to steroid use and simply told the truth in denying he had used them.

"You are sitting in judgment to decide whether it is a crime to deny a crime," attorney Rusty Hardin told jurors in his opening statement at the trial of Clemens, who is charged with lying to Congress in testimony concerning performance-enhancing drugs.

Use of steroids and human growth hormone "was total anathema, totally against everything he stood for," Hardin said.

Hardin said Clemens' former trainer, who is expected to testify that the baseball star used performance-enhancing drugs, is a liar. He said Clemens became one of the best pitchers of his era by following a rigorous conditioning program — not by taking steroids. REUTERS

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The kids are all, eh, whatever man

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Campaign season has so far focused on a variety of target demographics. We had women voters, we had Catholic voters, we even had mom voters — some of whom were probably women Catholics! This week it's all about the kiddos.

President Barack Obama, calling for a freeze of interest rates on student loans, had planned a weeklong effort to woo the young voters that helped propelled him to victory in 2008. "In America, higher education cannot be a luxury," he said in his radio address.

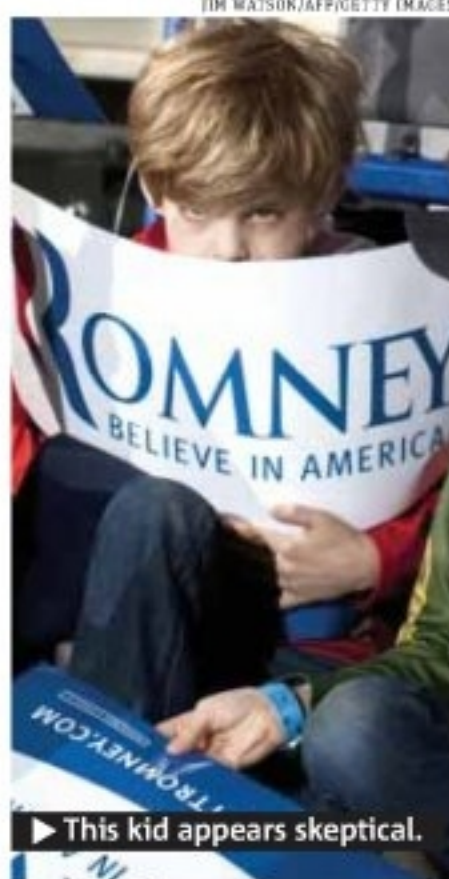
Unsurprisingly, Romney jumped on that ship — to the chagrin of his Republican allies

in the House, who see the estimated \$6 billion price tag of such an effort as unacceptable. "I fully support the effort to extend the low interest rate on student loans," Romney stated.

Romney's pivot may be due to fears that Obama could again carry the youth. "I think this is a time when young people are questioning the support they gave to President Obama three and a half years ago," Romney said Monday. "He promised bringing the country together. That sure hasn't happened."

Yes, and Romney's going to do his damndest to make sure that certainly doesn't happen in the next few months!

But hey, cynicism aside, this is good for students and families. Election season is one of those rare moments when we



► This kid appears skeptical.

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can actually extract real concessions from candidates desperate for our support.

Whether the strategy of courting young voters will pay off is another question. The youth vote (from those 18 to 29 years old) has actually been on the decline since a recent high of 24 percent of the electorate in 1984. Obama's "historic" rallying of this demographic represented 18 percent of that electorate — up, it's true, from a low of some 17 percent in the years between 1996 and 2004. One whole point!

The 2008 Obama campaign galvanized those inclined to vote. Can Romney do the same? Well, do robots carry umbrellas? We don't know, actually.

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Youth vote by numbers

66%

Obama pulled 66 percent of youth voters in the 2008 presidential election, according to national exit polls.

17%

The president is currently polling 17 points above Mitt

Romney among that same constituency, according to an online survey conducted by Harvard University's Institute of Politics released April 9, 2012, 43 percent to 26 percent.

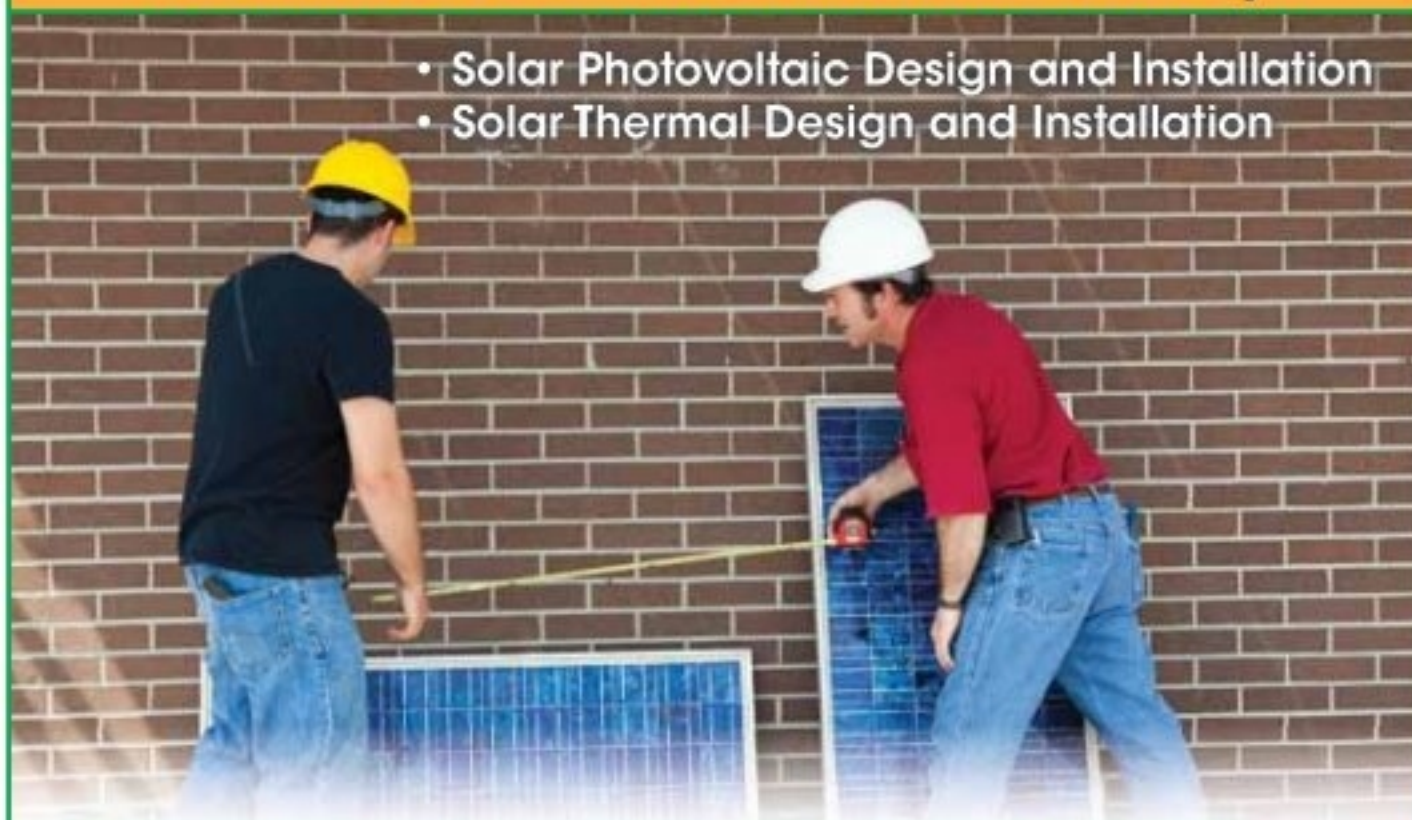
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Romney, naturally, blames Obama's policies for "the weakest recovery since the Great Depression, where 50 percent of recent college graduates are unemployed or underemployed."

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Few young voters think US is headed in right direction

► Poll among Millennial generation finds those who helped Obama in 2008 much less politically engaged

More youths believe the country is "on the wrong track" than those who believe it is headed in the right direction, according to a poll released yesterday by Harvard's Institute of Politics.

The national poll focused on those in the Millennial generation — people who are between the ages of 18 and 29 — and was conducted between March 23 and April 9.

The poll of 3,096 people also found that 58 percent of those surveyed said jobs and the economy are the national issues that concerns them the most.

Those results come on the heels of a review by The Associated Press that showed that one in two college graduates in 2012 are either jobless or underemployed.

But those figures don't necessarily mean good news for Mitt Romney, the likely Republican presidential nominee who will challenge President Barack Obama.

"Although this generation is not as supportive of President Obama and Democrats as they may have been in the historic 2008 campaign, this in no way implies that the Republican Party has successfully captured the hearts, minds and votes of Millennials," said John Della Volpe, Harvard Institute of Politics polling director.



► Barack Obama knows how to reach a hip, young audience — be on "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon."

43%

Most likely to vote for President Obama

26%

Most likely to vote for Mitt Romney

30%

Don't know who most likely to vote for

tics polling director.

Obama's approval rating among Millennials improved to 52 percent from a new low of 46 percent late last year. The in-

crease is important for Obama who was helped to victory in 2008 by the demographic.

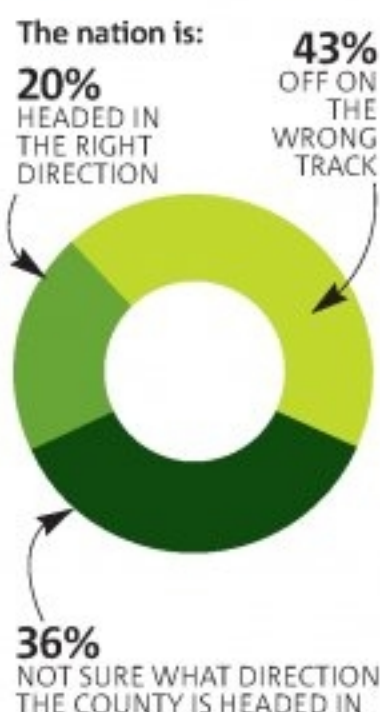
He was also helped to victory by a winning grassroots effort. But the poll suggests that the same enthusiasm for this year's presidential election is not there.

Nearly 80 percent of those surveyed do not consider themselves politically engaged.

Yesterday Obama made an effort to reach out to the generation when he addressed them directly during a speech on student loan issues as part of a tour of three college campuses this week. He was also set to appear on "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon" early this morning.

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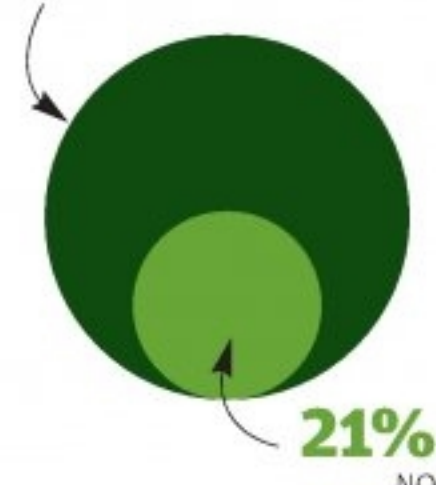
By the numbers



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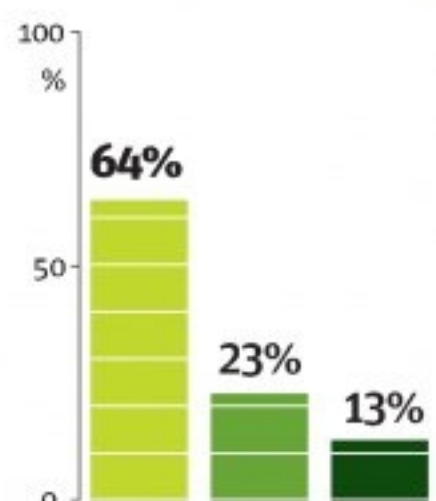
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Will you be voting in the 2012 presidential election?

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Tech giants back rush to mine asteroids

Google Inc. executives Larry Page and Eric Schmidt and filmmaker James Cameron are among those bankrolling a venture to survey and eventually extract precious metals and rare minerals from asteroids that orbit near Earth, the company said yesterday.

Planetary Resources, based in Bellevue, Wash., initially will focus on developing and selling extremely low-cost robotic spacecraft for surveying missions.

A demonstration mission in orbit around Earth is expected to be launched within two years, said company co-founders Peter Diamandis and Eric Anderson.

Planetary Resources' aim is to open deep-space exploration to private industry, much like

"We're not expecting this company to be an overnight financial home run. This is going to take time."

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the \$10 million Ansari X Prize competition, which Diamandis created.

The prize, which galvanized the emerging commercial human spaceflight industry, was awarded in 2004 to Scaled Composites' SpaceShipOne for the first flights beyond Earth's atmosphere by a privately developed, manned spaceship. Commercial suborbital space-

flights are expected to begin next year.

Planetary Resources' first customers are likely to be science agencies, such as NASA, as well as private research institutes.

Within five to 10 years, however, the company expects to progress from selling observation platforms in orbit around Earth to prospecting

services. It plans to tap some of the thousands of asteroids that pass relatively close to Earth and extract their raw materials.

Not all missions would return precious metals and minerals to Earth. The company plans to tap asteroids' water to supply orbiting fuel depots, which could be used by NASA and others for robotic and human space missions. **REUTERS**



► What's out there? And can we use it?

News in brief



A little less AC this summer?

El Nino may cool US this summer

ANDOVER, MASS. The possibility of an El Nino, a warming of the mid-Pacific Ocean, has forecasters predicting lower temperatures across the U.S. this summer, which may mean less electricity will be needed to run air conditioners.

May will probably be warmer than normal, and then "we are expecting a much different type of pattern" than last year, said Todd Crawford, chief meteorologist at Weather Serv-

es International in Andover, Mass. **REUTERS**

Study: Returning soldiers have more car crashes

BOSTON. U.S. military personnel have 13 percent more car accidents in which they are at fault in the six months after returning from overseas duty than in the six months prior, a USAA study revealed yesterday.

USAA, a major insurer catering specifically to the armed forces and their families, based its study on 171,000 deployments by 158,000 of its members over a three-year period ending in February 2010, when combat was still raging in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In many cases, USAA found, soldiers took the driving style that kept them alive on the streets of Baghdad and Kabul and applied it to the suburban roads at home. **REUTERS**

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Celebrity fetus roundup



► Jessica Simpson in March (!) on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

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It's a slow gossip day, so let's check in with everyone's favorite subject: The uteri of the stars!

First up: **Jessica Simpson**, who, it should be noted, is still pregnant. (At this point, does anyone else feel like Simpson is going to be in the Guinness Book of World Records for "Mammal with the Longest Gestation Period," right next to: "Elephant"?) "I just woke up from a dream that I wore a leopard caftan in the hospital. Fabulous!!" Simpson tweeted yesterday. "Now I need to find one!" Even the "Fashion Star" mentor knows that this is a seemingly never-ending pregnancy: "To everyone who keeps congratulating me on the birth of my baby girl...I'm still pregnant!" Simpson tweeted Saturday. "Don't believe what you read ladies and gents."



► Bill and Giuliana: Expecting!

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Meanwhile, Life & Style is reporting that **Drew Barrymore**, who has yet to confirm her pregnancy, is, like Simpson, having a girl. A source close to Drew "exclusively revealed" to the mag the sex of the child. "She's so excited," the source adds.

I'd take this news with a grain of salt, folks, as no "close" friend would sell out such sacred information to a tabloid. That being said, there's a 50-50 chance that this made-up information is correct. Good job of hedging your bets, Life & Style!

And, just in case you missed it: **Giuliana and Bill Rancic**, whose struggles with infertility are well documented, announced Monday on "Today" that they are going to have a baby via a gestational carrier. "She is giving us the greatest gift we're ever getting in our lives," Giuliana, 37, tells People of the woman whose identity has not been revealed. "She's so selflessly helping make our dream a reality. We adore her."

Let's hope this gestational carrier isn't on the Jessica Simpson timeline of giving birth.

Celeb. Spotting



► The couple that does Coachella together ...

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Katy Perry's new man

Katy Perry was spotted at the Coachella music festival holding hands, cuddling and generally acting like a couple with Florence and the Machine guitarist Robert Ackroyd, according to Hollyscoop. Of course, Perry has also recently been linked to French singer and model Baptiste Giabiconi, with his rep going so far as to confirm their getting to know each other.

Talking points

Jolie's new role: UN special convoy

While celebrating her engagement to **Brad Pitt** with the whole family in the Galapagos Islands, **Angelina Jolie** still made time for some work, heading to Quito,

Ecuador, to meet with government officials, check in on refugee settlements and help work on self-sustaining agricultural projects, all as part of her work as a special envoy for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, according to the L.A. Times. But after her duties were complete, it was back to the Galapagos, where Jolie, Pitt and their six children continued celebrating. "They've

been splitting their time between a private villa and on a yacht, which they've taken to various islands in the Galapagos region," a source tells Us Weekly.

Segel and Williams: It's on!

Jason Segel went to great lengths to avoid the cameras and still catch the premiere of girlfriend **Michelle Williams'** new movie, "Take This Waltz," at the Tribeca Film Festival. The "Five-Year Engagement" star dodged the red carpet to "sneak through the back entrance to be there with Michelle," a source says, according to Hollyscoop. Of course, there was no such sneaking around when it came to the after-party, where the pair packed on the public displays of affection. "There was no mistaking that they were a couple," says a source. "They seemed very comfortable and happy to be there celebrating together."



► Jolie in Ecuador, doin' good.

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The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Jimmy Kimmel is paying his respects, Katy Perry knows what dead musician she wants to see next, Nia Vardalos is feeling the heat, and Albert Brooks has some theories about defense strategy.

@jimmykimmel

I had the pleasure of working with Dick Clark many times - great guy. Some trivia: did you know he HATED music?

@katyperry

When is the Sublime hologram coming to coachella?! #805

@NiaVardalos

Just back from Disneyland, sunblock wore off, my shnoz has been replaced by an eggplant.

@AlbertBrooks

I wonder if the U.S. purposely sends out crappy drones so when they're captured China & Iran get bad info?



Vardalos



Which is scarier? Janice, Jack, a raven or Bon Jovi's teeth?

1. Jack White performed live on stage during a one-off solo concert in support of his debut solo album "Blunderbuss," at the Kentish Town Forum on Monday in London.

2. John Cusack brought the perfect red carpet date for the premiere of his new film, "The Raven" on Monday in Los Angeles.

3. Janice Dickinson attended WWJD — What Would Janice Do? at XL Nightclub on Monday in New York City. Apparently, Janice "would" appear to be crazy.

4. Jon Bon Jovi was all smiles at the Bloomberg Panel & Reception during the 2012 Tribeca Film Festival on Monday in New York.

5. Eric McCormack attended

"The Lyons" opening night at the Cort Theatre on April 23, 2012, in New York City.

6. Malin Akerman and Topher Grace attended the Tribeca Film Festival's after-party for "The Giant Mechanical Man,"

hosted by Stolichnaya Vodka, at Catch Roof on Monday night in New York City.

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'Fairly' certain of her career path

- 'Fairly Legal' lead Sarah Shahi tells us what she'd be doing if she wasn't playing a mediator on television
- Why Meat Loaf wanted to guest star on Season 2

If this whole acting thing doesn't work out for Sarah Shahi, the star of USA's "Fairly Legal," she's got a backup plan ready to go.

"A couple years ago, I helped give birth to my manager's baby," says the actress, who herself opted for a water birth when it came time to deliver her own son. "To be able to see the miracle of life that up close and personal, I felt such a rush of emotions and I got such a high from it. I called my husband and I was like, 'I think I'm in the wrong field. I think my calling is to become a midwife.' I just felt so fulfilled in that moment. Maybe I

am doing the wrong thing, but who knows? Maybe I'll be an acting midwife."

For now, at least, it's the acting part that's coming first: Season Two of "Fairly Legal," in which Shahi plays Kate Reed, a San Francisco lawyer-turned-mediator, is in full swing. The actress dished to us about the challenges Kate faces in the second season — including a love triangle that even she admits she doesn't know the outcome.

"We're gonna take all of Kate's security blankets away," she says. "We're gonna make her uncomfortable this year.

She's gonna be homeless. We're gonna take [her ex] Justin away and then we're gonna introduce a new guy who Kate would rather have surgery in her eye than be with, and then she's gonna end up falling in love with him."

The show will also welcome guest star Meat Loaf ("He likes to be called Meat," she says) as a union worker heading up a strike.

"He was very nice. He said that he watched Season 1, and I was a big reason of why he came onboard for the show. He liked me and wanted to work with me. It was pretty surreal."



► Sarah Shahi stars as Kate Reed on "Fairly Legal," airing Fridays at 9 p.m. on USA.

'One of the most honest characters'

Shahi tells us that getting to play a strong, feminine lead on prime time "is just wonderful." And she has a lot in common with Kate:

"We're both very feisty, loud and outspoken, and [we] like to drink and flirt. But she has this quality about her that is very childish, and she can rub a lot of people the wrong way. She doesn't really realize sometimes her unstructured behavior doesn't really work in a very structured world or [that] the best intentions create consequences, so she can be selfish in that respect. But that's also part of why I like her so much — her flaws. She's the one of the most honest characters I've ever played. You want to kiss her one minute and then punch her the next."

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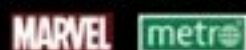
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► That's Miike with two i's and three guys, from left, Wyatt, Winnberg and Karlsson.

When Andrew Wyatt, Christian Karlsson and Pontus Winnberg started synth pop band Miike Snow, they already had hit singles under their belts. Among others, Karlsson and Winnberg authored Britney Spears' "Toxic" and Wyatt co-wrote Bruno Mars' Grammy-winning "Grenade." Then Miike Snow scored their own hits with the brilliant "Animal" and "Sylvia."

"I don't think we ever expected to have any hits on that first album. While we were making it, we were still working on songs for other people and I think we were in the mindset of verse chorus, verse

So, who was Wyatt checking out at Coachella?

It is important to note that Metro spoke with Wyatt before the first appearance of hologram Tupac, but it looks like he was going to witness it anyway.

"I'm a fan of SBTRKT, but

he's playing the exact same time we are. Pulp is playing tonight; I really want to see that. Mazzy Star is also playing tonight. I want to see the Snoop Dogg and Dr. Dre show. The Horrors, yeah so many bands I want to check out. M83, I missed him in Stockholm so I want to catch him."

chorus," Wyatt tells Metro from the Coachella festival days before launching their new U.S. tour.

When it came to their

March-released second album, "Happy to You," their creative world was quite a different place. "We toured with a lot of different bands and checked

out a lot of different stuff. Then when we went back into the studio to do this record what came out was different from the beginning," says Wyatt, adding that hit singles were far from their minds.

"The goal is not to have hits at all. Hits come in the most oblique way. If it happens then it's part of a sign to either not live your life rent check to rent check, or time to have the freedom to do something else, or time to reach a lot of different people. There's a lot of different ways to look at the fallout from having hits, but you can't really control how that happens."

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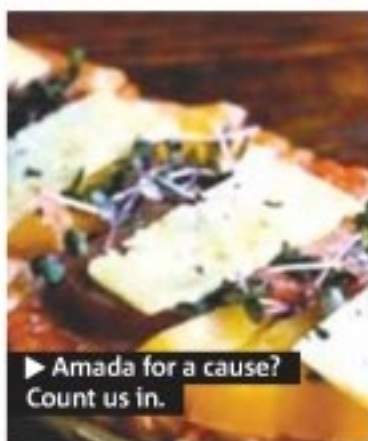


► You'll have all summer to eat your veggies.

Tomorrow: Dining Out for Life

Tomorrow night, nearly 200 restaurants are donating a third of their proceeds to local organizations providing essential HIV/AIDS services. For a list of participating restaurants — from gastropub North Third to sushi hot spot Morimoto to Jose Garces' Amada — visit www.diningoutforlife.com.

This weekend: The Food Trust's pancake breakfast



► Amada for a cause? Count us in.

Headhouse Farmer's Market opens May 6, at which point you can stock up on snappy fresh asparagus and sweet

spring onions. But this Sunday, it's all about syrup-drenched sweets. The Food Trust's pancake breakfast benefits their many markets and work to provide fair, local food to all tables in Philadelphia. Chefs Mitch and Jennifer Prensley of Supper are manning the griddles and laying out a spread of sweet fixings made with ingredients from local farms. **Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., \$25 (or \$80 for four tickets), Headhouse Shambles, Second and Lombard streets, www.thefoodtrust.org**

MONICA WEYMOUTH

TV watch list

'Total Blackout'

GAME SHOW. "Dancing with the Stars" competitor Jaleel White attempts to continue his comeback via reality TV by hosting this psych-out game show, which leads contestants into complete darkness to face their fears — like a cage full of rats or snakes. The joke's on them when the creepy crawly they're expecting to encounter actually turns out to be a feather duster. The doctor's bills for heart attacks are also on them. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., Syfy**

'Locked Up Abroad'

REALITY. The series that always makes a good case for choosing to nix that vacation abroad and save your money instead opens Season 6 with a profile of Erik Aude, an actor who appeared in "Dude, Where's My Car?", then made the bad decision of taking a real-life role as a drug mule and wound up in a Pakistani



► What's in that tank? By the looks of that woman's face, something gross.

prison. The now-freed Aude, perhaps angling for a second shot at Hollywood, stars in his own re-enactment tonight. **Season premiere, 10 p.m., National Geographic**

'Auction Kings'

REALITY. There are so many "one man's junk is another man's treasure" auction series these days, we can't keep them straight. This one, apparently, is premiering Season 3 tonight.

Season premiere, 10 p.m., Discovery Channel

'Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23'

COMEDY. James Van Der Beek lands a role in a body-swap movie, opposite "Mad Men" star Kiernan Shipka. Unfortunately, this is tonight's "Apartment 23" plotline, not a movie that is actually happening. **9:31 p.m., ABC**

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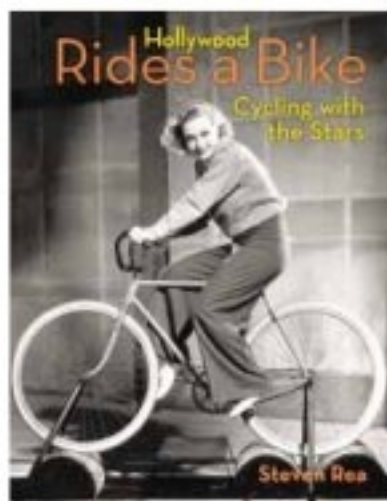
BEHIND HOLLYWOOD'S WHEELS

► Popular blog-turned-book 'Hollywood Rides a Bike' features photos of stars and their less expensive rims ► Tomorrow, creator Steven Rea teams up with Secret Cinema

Whether screeching tires in high-speed chases or simply cruising around looking cool, cars have always seemed the default mode of transportation in Hollywood. For the past year and a half, however, "Inquirer" film critic Steven Rea has highlighted the love affair between silver screen celebs and vehicles of the two-wheeled variety on his Tumblr blog and now in a spin-off book, "Hollywood Rides a Bike."

"Movies and bikes are two of my big passions in life," Rea says. Growing up in Manhattan, he says, "I learned to ride when my father pushed me down a hill in Central Park."

"Hollywood Rides a Bike" features images of everyone from Audrey Hepburn to Elvis to W.C. Fields to Tom Hanks pedaling or posing next to some variety of bike. Rea began



collecting the pics casually, deciding to take his collection online on Thanksgiving Day 2010. By the end of the weekend he'd attracted attention from scores of fellow bike and film buffs.

"There are some very cool and rare bikes in some of these photos," he explains. "And then there's people like me

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"There are some very cool and rare bikes in some of these photos. And then there's people like me who have Turner Classics as their default channel on their TV." STEVEN REA

who have Turner Classics as the default channel on their TV, who like the opportunity to see photographs of Robert Mitchum, Lana Turner, or Humphrey Bogart in a somewhat unusual setting."

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► Check out author Steven Rea's Tumblr at www.ridesabike.tumblr.com.

If you go

Tomorrow evening, Rea will offer a slide show of images based on the book, followed

by a Secret Cinema presentation of rare films about bikes, from vintage educational shorts to French auteur Francois Truffaut's oldest surviving film.

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Getting 'Lucky'

► Screenwriter Will Fetters had some well-established guidelines when adapting Nicholas Sparks' latest

Screenwriter Will Fetters knew heading into adapting Nicholas Sparks' "The Lucky One" that he wasn't necessarily heading into any unexplored territory.

"There's certain beats and moments you have to have in a Nicholas Sparks movie, which I learned," Fetters says of the film about a Marine (Zac Efron) whose life is saved when he finds a snapshot of a girl (Taylor Schilling) on the battlefield then tracks her down to her Louisiana kennel. "I wanted to write a lot of stuff about the war, and I had all these flashbacks. But it's just the nature of doing a Nick Sparks movie," Fetters adds. "I did a ton of research [about the war]. And then people were like, 'Where are all the dogs?' But that's just the nature of it."

So what are those certain beats you have to include in a

Nicholas Sparks movie?

"You know you're going to have a date, you're going to have a moment that they kind of first get to know each other," he says. "Some people are going to get naked, people are going to get sexy. Somebody's going to do something wrong, and people are going to have to choose love over something. Not to be glib, but you do know to a certain extent when you go into this that you're treading on familiar ground."

That familiarity with Sparks' body of work even seeped into Fetters' writing process — or at least how he saw the film in his head. "When I first wrote it, to be totally honest, Zac wasn't who I was thinking about. It was older, and it was more like a Ryan Gosling," he says. "Any-one writing a Nick Sparks

movie, it's Ryan Gosling. You could be writing anything and it's Ryan Gosling."

Working in such familiar territory proved to be a great warmup for Fetters' next gig, penning the Clint Eastwood-directed, Beyonce-starring update on "A Star is Born," which is yet to go into production. Of course, updating the story of a singer emerging out of nowhere provides its own challenges: "You have to navigate 'American Idol,'" Fetters explains. "How do you have Beyonce undiscovered? If Beyonce walked by right now and she was not Beyonce, I would try to sign her. I'm not an agent, but I would be like, 'You should do ... something. And I should ... make 10 percent of it.'"



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► Zac Efron stars in "The Lucky One," but he wasn't Fetters' first choice.

On romance

With multiple romantic best-sellers and film adaptations under his belt — including "The Notebook," "A Walk to Remember" and "The Last Song" — Nicholas Sparks can safely say he knows a thing or two about

romance and relationships. So what are his favorite romantic movies?

► "Dirty Dancing," "Casablanca," "Titanic," "Ghost," Sparks rattles off. "For the most part these are very real, ordinary people. There's a universality to the characters, and the love that develops is given

time to bloom in these films. It's very real and you feel like not just the love story element, but you feel so much more anger, betrayal, jealousy, suspense, tension — all of these things. And then you have these elements of sadness in it and how these parts play out exactly from story to story."

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Is the digital world killing creativity?

Sure, you can use that smart-phone to create an emotionally stirring Instagram of the waffles you had for brunch in seconds. But that same device can also serve as a ball and chain for the working world: e-mails arrive at all hours, LinkedIn requests buzz after networking events — and has that important contact followed you on Twitter yet?

While our current age of digital disruption has opened a cornucopia of new casual



► Twenty-five percent of survey respondents said they spend time at work being creative.

creative endeavors, the networked generation's ability to multitask — and the constant need for instantaneous action — may also be hindering creativity.

Consider this: In a recent global study, three-quarters

of respondents said their creative potential is being stifled. More than 60 percent of Americans said their education systems squelch creativity, and a majority of total respondents said pressure at work hurts creativity. Yet 80 percent of respondents worldwide said allowing creativity to flourish is critical to economic growth.

Those numbers come from a recent survey of 5,000 adults in the U.S., U.K., Germany, France and Japan. The study was commissioned by software giant Adobe, and its results were announced Monday.

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Study: Macs and malware



It's official:
No computer is immune
to viral attacks.

In a challenge to the prevailing belief that Apple computers are immune to the sort of cyberattacks that plague Windows-based machines, research firm Sophos released a study claiming that one in five Macs has malware.

The report, released on Tuesday, is based on a "100,000-strong snapshot" of the millions of Macs that downloaded Sophos's free Mac antivirus software. The study found that 20 percent of Macs were carrying one or more instances of Windows malware.

Such malware doesn't cause symptoms unless the Mac owners run Windows on their machines, but it can be spread to others.

However, this doesn't appear to be solely a Windows-based problem. The report also found that 2.7 percent of Macs were infected with Mac OS malware. The majority of such Mac OS malware is composed of fake antivirus attacks, like the recent Flash-back botnet. Mac owners can contract such malware by downloading e-mail attach-

ments, visiting rogue websites and unknowingly installing it via their USB drive.

To avoid downloading such malware, Sophos recommends running an antivirus program and keeping it up to date, exercising caution about which links you click on, keeping software patches current and keeping an eye out for e-mail-based scams.

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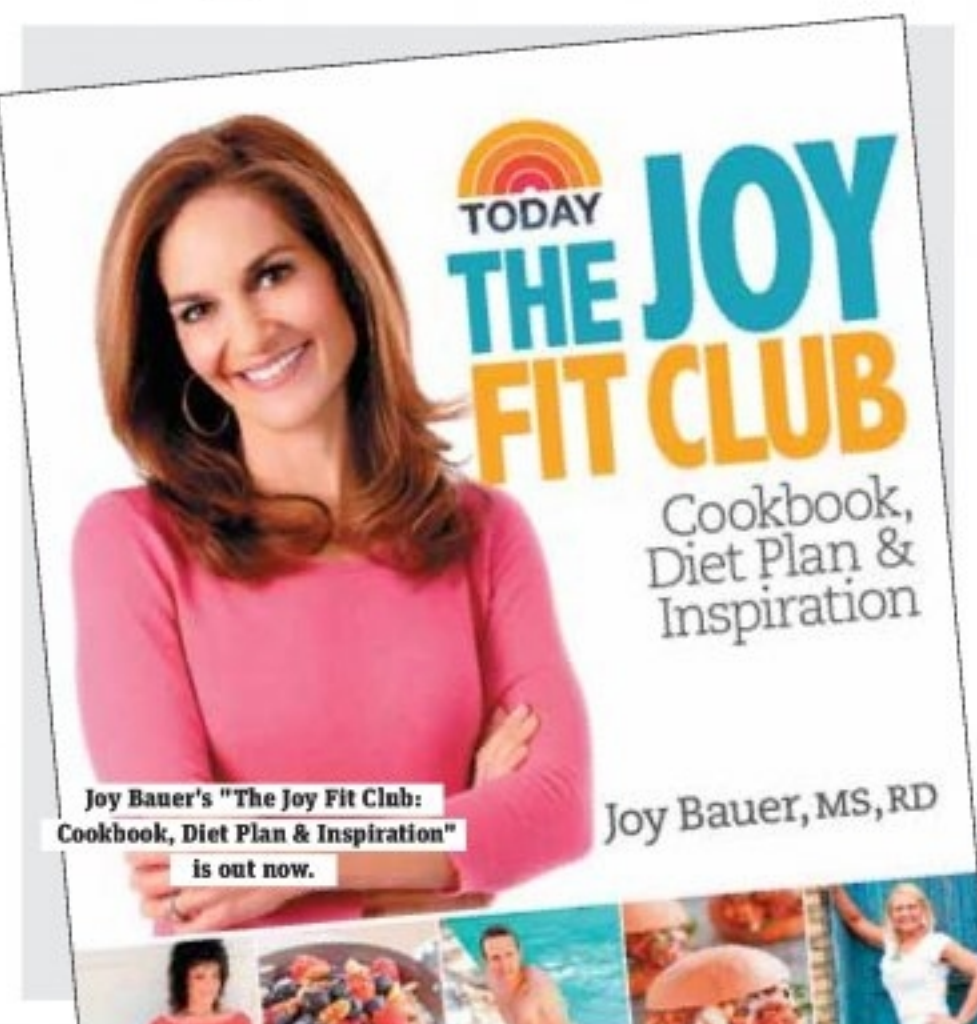
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The Joy Fit Club profiles husbands and wives, moms and dads, grandparents and college students from all walks of life who conquered the battle of the bulge triumphantly. Here are some of the commonalities that weave throughout all of their stories. Whether you have five pounds to lose or

500 pounds, these smart strategies can help you follow in their footsteps:

Find your meaningful reason for losing weight

It may seem like an obvious first step, but I have found that the people who are most successful at losing weight are those who have a strong, clear purpose for wanting to make a change. Do some serious soul-searching and identify a significant and lasting source of personal motivation for finally shedding the extra weight.

Set up a tracking system

Monitoring and documenting your progress is a terrific way to celebrate and reinforce positive behavior on a daily basis. Most long-term losers weigh themselves at least weekly and

log their calories or food intake to keep their eating in check.

Forgive your slipups

Nobody eats perfectly all the time, and it's fine — totally normal, in fact — to occasionally stray from your plan. The trick is to shake off your mistakes and get right back on track at the next meal or the very next day. Don't let one binge or "off day" spiral out of control into a full week, or month, of splurging. Mastering this one key strategy can help you finally break the cycle of yo-yo dieting.

— For more tips on healthy eating and weight loss strategies that work, follow Joy Bauer on Facebook and Twitter (@joybauer) and visit www.joybauer.com.

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Is it designed to marginalize us?

RE: "WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF MORE COULD VOTE?": Americans seemingly aren't ready for mandatory health care, but how about mandatory voting? That's the way they do it in Australia. (You pay a \$20 to \$50 fine if you don't vote!) The result: 95 percent voter turnout and politicians that campaign to address the needs of the masses rather than desires of the lunatic fringe. Let's try that. **WALTER BLAKE, MERION**

Mr. Jenkins, I wholeheartedly agree with you that "we should end the electoral college." It is an obsolete procedure. In the 18th Century, America was largely rural and most people were farmers who knew little about politics. In this climate, a di-

rect election of the president would probably have been difficult in any case. In the early days of the nation, electors were chosen due to their wisdom and knowledge of politics, not due to their preference for any particular candidate. However, things have changed. Everyone has access to news and can learn what the candidates' platforms are. Also, today's electors are prone to be biased to one party or the other. Since they can vote for anyone they want, they don't necessarily have to vote for the person that the majority of their state voted for. Just think: If there had been no electoral college in 2000, we wouldn't have had a \$10 trillion deficit, because we wouldn't have been involved in two unfunded wars that resulted in the deaths of more than

6,000 American men and women. Our economy would be in a much better place. **BARB MILUSKI, VIA E-MAIL**

"What is Romney proposing for the middle class?"

RE: "ROMNEY NO BETTER, BUT BOTH ARE BAD": You're stating that President Obama isn't helping the lower-middle class? What about ObamaCare? How many rich people need to worry about getting sick and going to the hospital? What is Romney proposing for the middle class like me and so many people like me? I'm not claiming that President Obama is the "ideal" image of what a president is — but when the people have the choice between Obama and

Romney, you won't see a lot of people voting for Romney in November while they're worrying about what will happen to their health insurance. **SEHRISH SULTAN, VIA E-MAIL**

At the risk of becoming very technical, Kelly Donnoe is full of it! What's being described is monetary policy, not economics. The purchasing power of money is not set by the federal government, but by the prices found in the marketplace. So printing up more money doesn't automatically change its value. **JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL**

Crying fowl?! What a turkey!

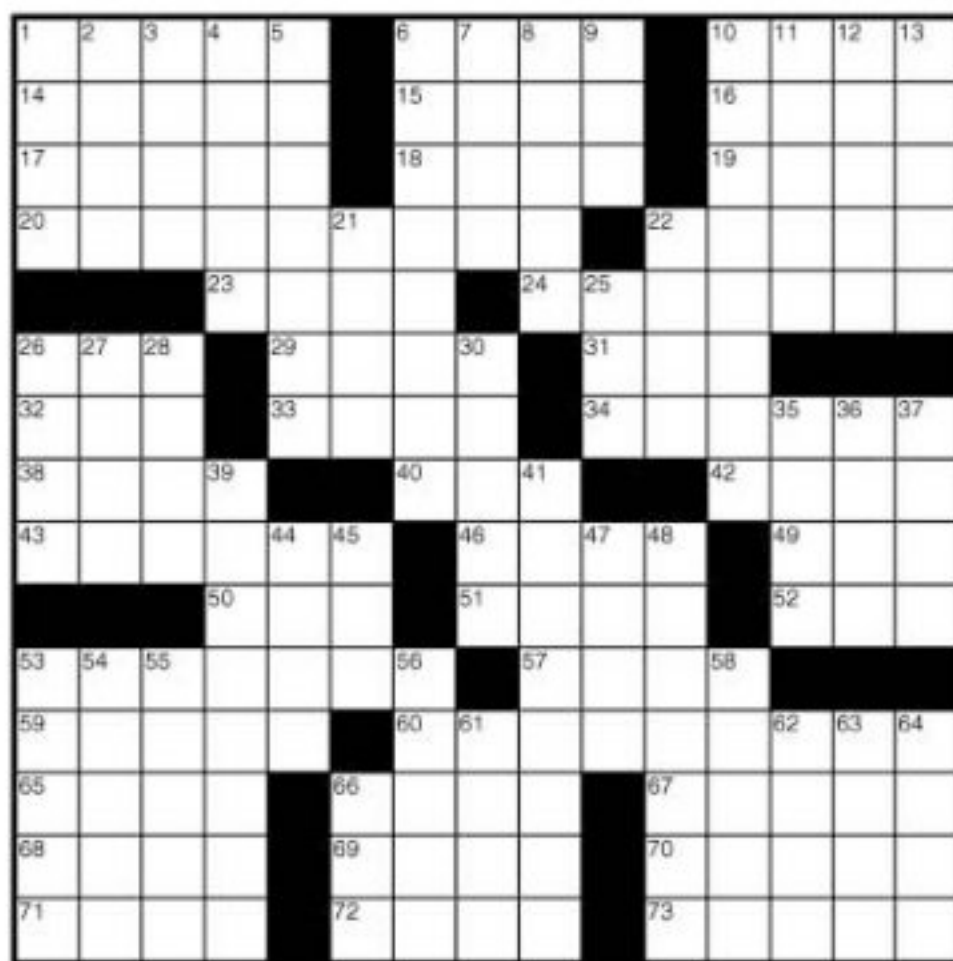
RE: "CAN WE WAIT?": In Brayden Simms' piece on Romney, he writes that Romney may carry "even a majority of those who have been crying fowl for months over his allegedly moderate credentials." I guess he is referring to those who consider Romney to be chicken? Or maybe a turkey? In any case, that's a foul English error. **JOHN BONAVIA, VIA E-MAIL**

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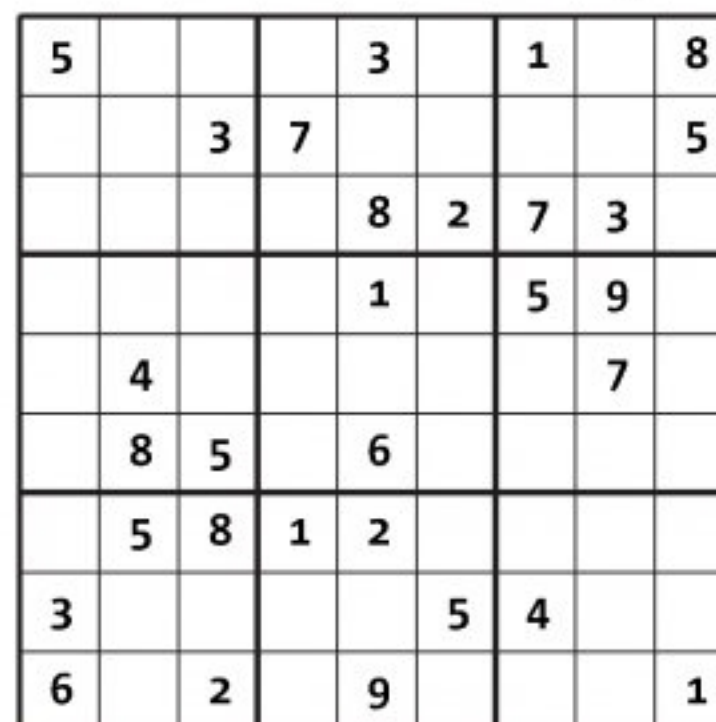
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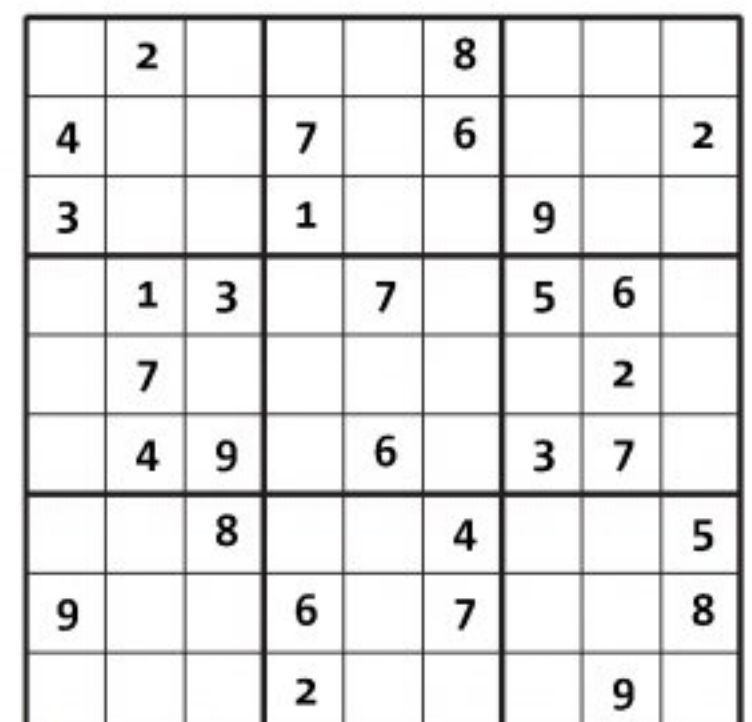


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Opinion

ANGELO CATALDI

THE VOICE OF THE
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GOOD GUYS?
BELIEVE IT

The Flyers did more than defy the odds when they ousted Sidney Crosby and his pack of Pittsburgh Penguin weasels this past Sunday, they righted a wrong. The good guys won. For once, virtue triumphed over evil.

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The best part was watching Crosby plummet to the ice in the first few seconds of Game 6, the victim of a check by Claude Giroux that delivered a clear message to a Pittsburgh team favored to win the Stanley Cup. Giroux's wrist shot past goalie Marc-Andre Fleury seconds later punctuated the point. Not today, Penguins. Not this season.

It would be so easy to spend this entire column crowing over the many unexpected performances by these surprising Flyers: the exceptional work of seven different rookies, the clutch scoring of Danny Briere, the amazing success of the power play or the single-minded efforts of the incomparable Giroux. But I'll leave those testimonials to writers far more suited to that sort of thing.

What I want to bask in is the demise of a contemptible group of star players who acted like bullies — until they got a much-deserved punch in the mouth. The Penguins are exactly where they belong, home, their championship dream in tatters. They may have Stanley Cup talent, but they are strictly bottom-feeders when it comes to character.

If Crosby is indeed the face of the NHL these days, then the sport should find a good plastic surgeon. He is a crybaby on the ice and a brat off it. Long after the outcome of this series is forgot-

Quoted

The Flyers beat the Penguins. All is right with the world. The good guys won.

ten, his embarrassing response when asked why he mindlessly swept Jakub Voracek's glove down the ice in Game 3 will remain etched in our memories.

"I don't like him," Crosby said. "I don't like anybody on that team."

And then there was the classless response by James Neal to the 8-5 trouncing in Game 3, a dual cheap-shot shift that earned him a one-game suspension and the contempt of Philadelphia forever. First, he head-hunted Sean Couturier with an illegal check, and then he swung an elbow at Giroux's cranium.

This collection of social misfits was led by Dan Bylsma, a coach who tried to thug up a meeting between the teams just before the playoffs, to no avail. When Bylsma and his worms oozed out to a 10-3 lead in Game 4, the coach thought it would be a sweet gesture to call a timeout in the final moments. And then, even after his team was officially dead, Bylsma said he couldn't bring himself to wish the Flyers good luck.

Well, in the end, the Penguins got what was coming to them, didn't they? Crosby can go home now, a squawking jackal right to the end. Neal can find out just how sore a loser he really is. And Bylsma can call a five-month timeout until he begins screwing up another season.

The Flyers beat the Penguins. All is right with the world. The good guys won.

— Angelo Cataldi is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30 to 10 a.m.

Not this
year,
Charlie

Charlie Manuel is many things. He is charming, in a homespun country way. He is endearing, a quirky old guy just like Gramps. And he is even entertaining, with his folksy wisdom delivered in a halting style. But the truth behind his lovable veneer is hard for people to accept. He is a horrendous game manager.

In fact, I can't recall a baseball lifer like Manuel who was worse at reacting to unique situations with creative solutions. If it's not already in his dog-eared "Managing for Dummies" book, don't expect Manuel to figure it out.



▶ Manuel

The latest example of his bone-headed strategy came last week in a brutal loss to San Francisco, when the skipper kept an ancient Jim Thome up at the plate to face a tough left-hander,

Javier Lopez, needing merely to make contact to give the Phillies a lead. Thome struck out (of course) and the Giants prevailed.

Eventually, Philadelphia is going to have to accept the reality of a deteriorating situation. Manuel may be a maestro of personalities in a clubhouse, but he is no master manipulator of personnel on the field. And his shortcomings are going to become increasingly apparent on a weak-hitting team that requires a mind in the dugout to manufacture runs.

The debate over how good a manager Manuel really is will continue long beyond his tenure here, but one issue will soon become painfully clear even to his loudest defenders. He is the wrong manager for this team, especially this year.



▶ The Sixers must ditch Andre Iguodala after the season.

It's either
Iggs or me

Now that they have made the playoffs (yawn), I have an ultimatum for the Sixers and their fan-friendly — but increasingly clueless — new owners. If Andre Iguodala is a member of the team next year, I will end a half-century of rooting for them. If he's here, I'm done.

For me and many others, Iguodala has become the new Donovan McNabb, a puzzle on the court and an insult off it. There are more civil ways to say it, but they don't capture the essence of Andre Iguodala. He is a loser. It's that simple. He is terrible in the closing

moments of a tight game, and he is even worse when required to explain his latest failure after it.

Last week, Iguodala took some time out to praise himself. He said he was especially impressed by his recent shooting and overall play. The Sixers had lost three of the previous four games when he issued this tone-deaf testimonial.

Well, I've had enough of him. I need the new owners to stop talking about changing the culture of the team and start doing it. CEO Adam Aron actually went on Twitter the other day and asked fans what roster moves they would make. Maybe Aron should ask his do-nothing president, Rod Thorn, that question.

Idle thoughts from Cataldi ...

1 Enjoy retirement, Dawk. A great man ended his extraordinary career. Brian Dawkins, at 38, announced his retirement after 16 years in the NFL. He was the ultimate Eagle, brilliant on the field and dignified off it. In a city of the harshest critics in sports, absolutely everybody loved Brian Dawkins.

2 The Hall of Very Good. Donovan McNabb named himself to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He said the "big game" is the conference championship, not the Super Bowl. He also said he was better than Troy Aikman and Jim Kelly. Other than these comments, there is no evidence he is using hallucinogens.

3 Keeps popping up. John Mayberry Jr. was going to be the next Jayson Werth, a talented young outfielder who just needed a chance to play. So far, the only thing he has mastered is the pop-up with runners in scoring position. The Phils need a talented young outfielder. Mayberry isn't it.

Trade bait

Report: Samuel
to Falcons?

Talks are heating up on a potential deal that would send Eagles CB Asante Samuel to Atlanta, according to ESPN.

The 31-year-old Samuel is due \$9.9 million in 2012 and \$11.4 million in 2013, and the Eagles would prefer to cut salary and start Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie.

Compensation wasn't outlined in the ESPN report. Atlanta doesn't own a first-round pick in the 2012 draft. Samuel has recorded 45 career interceptions in nine seasons, including three in 2011.

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Flyers breaking a sweat, now playing the waiting game

► Orange and Black skating, running as they wait for second-round foe
► Next series likely to start Sunday ► Players sit and watch Cup playoffs

Until Thursday night, the Flyers will be taking in the Stanley Cup playoffs just like their fans — at home on the couch. Until a pair of Game 7's play out, they won't know who their next opponent is.

"We still have time to prepare and go over things," Peter Laviolette said. "The important thing right now is to keep them moving. Break a sweat and move up and down the ice. These guys want to work. They want to run."

That's what they did in yesterday's practice. The earliest the next round can start is likely Sunday, and the Flyers don't want to be out of shape when that rolls around. Until then, they watch and they wait.

"I can't wait to see who we're gonna play," Claude Giroux said. "We've just got to be patient and see who we're gonna play."

Still, the mind tends to wander. Do the Flyers really want to go up against the New York Rangers, a team they were 0-6 against in the regular season? Would they prefer a dangerous team in the Boston Bruins over the Washington Capitals and their red-hot

goaltender, Braden Holtby?

"It doesn't matter to us who we play — if it's the Rangers or Ottawa, they're all dangerous teams," Giroux said. "It's not gonna change our game plan, our system or the way we play. We're a hard-working team and that's obviously not gonna change."

Now all that's left is specu-

Loose pucks

Few notes on injured Flyers from yesterday's practice:

Grossmann skates. Flyers defenseman **Nick Grossmann** skated with the Flyers' Black Aces, the call-ups from the Phantoms, before the Flyers practiced.

Meszáros, too. Fellow blueliner **Andrej Meszaros** did skate with the team in a grey "no-contact" jersey. It is the first time he skated in full pads or with the team. **Peter Laviolette** said he was "very encouraged" to see Meszaros out there, but a return doesn't appear to be imminent.



► Scottie Hartnell and the Flyers will have almost a full week's rest when they finally start their second-round playoff series.

lation about what storyline may come next. The first round was about former Penguins Jaromir Jagr and Max Talbot. There are still a few more old teams left with a lot of history between them. How about a Stanley Cup Final between the Flyers and the L.A. Kings?

"That would be nice," for-

mer King Wayne Simmonds said with a big smile. "I wouldn't mind that at all ... to play the Kings and beat them in the Stanley Cup final. That would be pretty nice, but we've got some other things to take care of before that."

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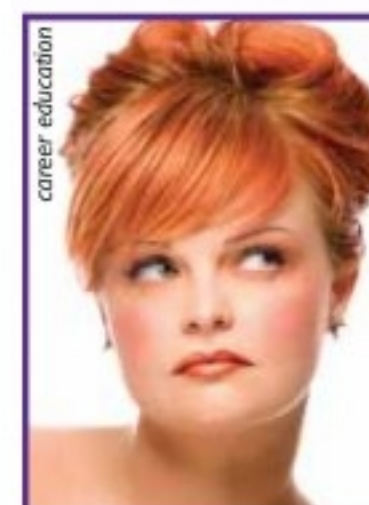
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Sixty finalists strutted around a sold-out Perelman Theater last night, each one stating their case to be Eagles cheerleaders. The lovely ladies were aiming for one of 38 coveted spots on the 2012 squad. They competed in swimsuit and physical fitness, beauty, dance and on-stage interview. A panel of judges, highlighted by Christina Weiss Lurie (wife of owner Jeffrey Lurie), and former Eagles Ike Reese, Tra Thomas and Darwin Walker, graded the action. The final team will be announced today on PhiladelphiaEagles.com

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Howard improving, Pence stays in right

- ▶ Slugger's wound healing, may be cleared next week
- ▶ Pence's MRI shows no damage ▶ Back in the lineup

Well, the good news is that Ryan Howard is apparently close to being cleared for full-blown preparation for the 2012 season.

"After seeing the wound specialist in Philadelphia [Monday], Ryan Howard's wound has gotten smaller and is healing," GM Ruben Amaro said in a statement. "We've been advised to limit his activities for one more week to allow it to continue to heal. We hope that he will be able to restart his baseball activities thereafter."

What was expected to be bad news later in the day turned out to be good news. A precautionary MRI on Hunter Pence's sore left shoulder showed no structural damage



▶ Ryan Howard is healing, according to the Phillies.

ON TV TODAY

Phillies at Diamondbacks,
3:40 p.m. (TCN)

and Pence started in right field last night (game ended too late). He was diagnosed with a bruised left rotator cuff.

Of course, there's still that huge void at first base.

"First base isn't as easy as people think," Ty Wigginton said. "There is quite a bit of subtle things going on at first. We're all trying our best at fielding and then there is the hitting. We all know we have some big shoes to fill. There's no other Ryan Howard."

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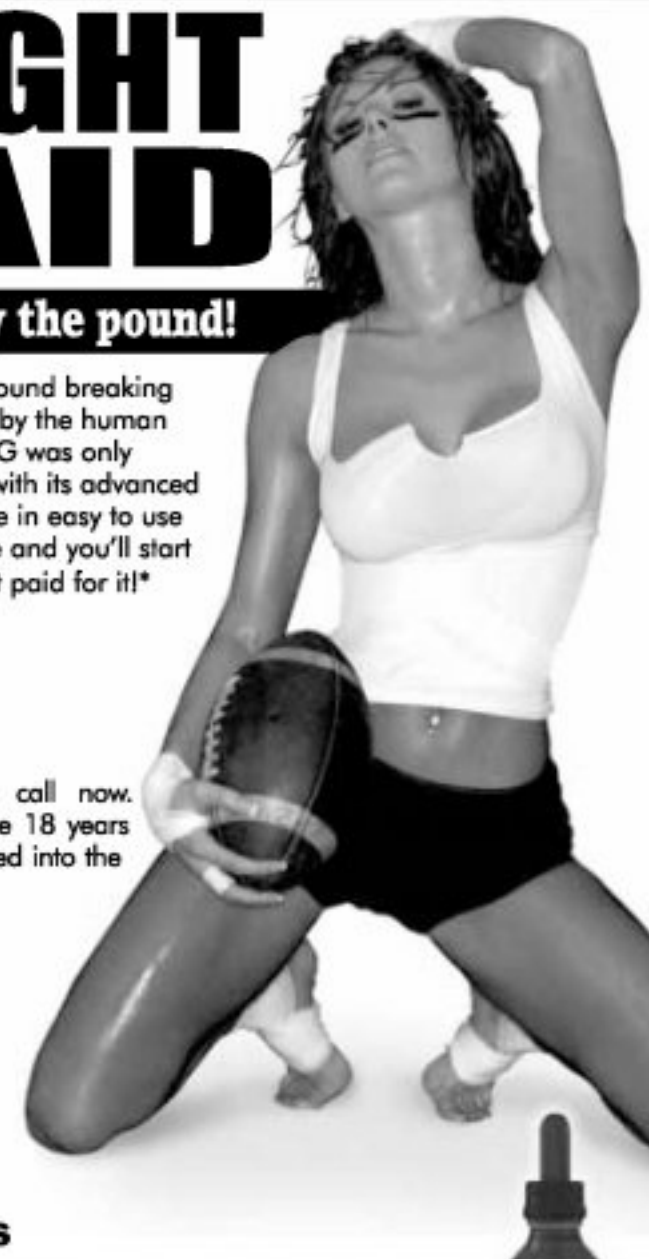
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show, which benefits Penn Medicine, aren't collectors at all. "Some people treat it like a trip to the museum, just to see beautiful things beautifully displayed," Riley says.

This year, three local design firms are creating "designer rooms" using antiques supplied by the dealers. Gregory Augustine of August Interiors says the pieces inspired him to design a prewar apartment.

He shares a few tips on how to put an elegant, decades-spanning room together:

Experiment with mixing and matching

"What makes an interesting result is when you take antique objects and artwork, and mix them in with more contemporary items," Augustine says. In his designer room, he combined an antique center table and two antique pier mirrors with a modern sofa, rug and light fixture.

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tion between the antiques and other items in the room," Augustine says. To demonstrate that technique, he hung up panels with brass nail heads to echo the gold leaf inlay on the center table and the gold frames on the pier mirrors.

"Borrow a detail from the antique and incorporate it into the larger scope of the room," he says. "As a designer, you really want to create that dialogue."

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Accents were found during Barnett's travels.

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Malene Barnett, the talent behind the New York-based carpet company Malene B, dreams of one day moving to the Caribbean. "I haven't picked my island yet. So until I do, I want to live in an environment that makes me feel like I'm already there," she says. Her home has a warm, calm and beachy look that stands out on a block of red-brick buildings. The island feeling literally greets you at her turquoise-colored door.

"It's my favorite color. I love that I get to see it every day. It's also unique because I'm the only one on my block with that kind of door," she says.

She achieved the look by filling her home with creative plays on texture, African contemporary art, crafts collected during her travels and a range of textiles — all against a calm backdrop of the palest blues and white. "Each piece has a story that reminds me of my trips abroad," she says.

The rundown

Name: Malene Barnett
Occupation: Principal and Design Director of Malene B, a custom carpet company
The space: A large and bright two-bedroom duplex within a Brooklyn town house.



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1. The teal-stained wood floors: "I love how they make you feel like you're walking on water," Barnett says.



2. The West African door knobs: "They're unique because they look as if they were handcrafted years ago. But I bought them at a local hardware store in Manhattan."



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